

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe Miller Womack of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Joe Miller Womack; and

WHEREAS, Joe Miller Womack was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late John Paul “Buddy” Womack and Edna Mai Burris Womack, Joe Womack was a native of Sumner County where he was a highly respected member of the Gallatin community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Womack served with acumen and alacrity as Chief of the Gallatin Fire Department, having held this distinguished position since 1978, earning the respect of his fellow firefighters and his community alike for his dedication to public safety; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Womack’s able leadership the City of Gallatin expanded fire protection services for their citizens, establishing three fire stations with plans for a fourth underway, and molded the fire department into a comprehensive emergency service operation that includes fire, rescue, medical, and first aid units; and

WHEREAS, known as a quiet man with a big heart who routinely helped his employees outside of work, Chief Joe Womack tirelessly worked on their behalf to ensure Gallatin’s firefighters had the equipment they needed to do the job; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Womack dedicated his life to the Gallatin Fire Department; he evidenced uncommon devotion to his duties despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession, as

exemplified on April 7, 2006, when he joined the first crews to arrive at the disaster scene after a deadly tornado swept through Gallatin on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Bethpage Masonic Lodge, Chief Womack was an active and devout member of the West End Missionary Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Joe Womack is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen Robinson Womack; his brothers, Harold Womack, Royce "June" Womack and wife Joyce; Roy "Link" Womack and wife Jean; and Tommy Womack and wife Margie; and his sister, Edna Earle Mayberry and her husband Robert; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Womack leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joe Miller Womack of Gallatin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a public servant and human being and his stalwart commitment to protecting and serving his fellow citizens. We express our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.